Administration has informed that recruitment to some of the categories of teachers were made in 1988-89. In Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the process of recruitment for 1989-90 is in progress.

(b) The vacancies earmarked for ex-servicemen are as below :—

	KVS	Delhi Administration
PGT . . .	..	11
TGT . . .	64	38
PST . . .	95	..
Misc. . . .	19	5

(c) All vacancies reserved for ex-servicemen were not filled up in Delhi Administration and in respect of KVS, the question does not arise at this stage.

(d) One post of PGT, 8 of TGT were filled up during 1988-89 in Delhi Administration.

(e) Under Delhi Administration there are 10 unfilled vacancies in PGT, 22 in TGT and 5 in Misc. categories of teachers.

(f) No, Sir.

Information in respect of MCD is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Setting up of National Testing Service Society

1932. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government ae going to set up a National Testing Service Society for formulating rules to delink educational qualifications from jobs ; and

(b) if so, what as the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages the establishment of a National Testing Service to conduct tests on a voluntary basis to determine the suitability of candidates for specified jobs and to have the way for emergence of norms of comparable competence across the nation. It has been decided in principle to establish the National Testing Service as a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act.

The main objectives of the N. T.S. will be as follows :—

(i) Conduct tests on a voluntary basis to determine and certify the suitability of candidates for specified jobs that do not require a diploma or degree qualification.

(ii) Design a series of test on the basis of detailed job description and job analysis etc. to identify requirements of knowledge, competence, skills and aptitudes necessary for the purpose of identified jobs or clusters of jobs.

(iii) Develop methodologies and techniques for testing knowledge, proficiency, abilities, skills, competence and and aptitude necessary for the performance of specified jobs or cluster of jobs.

(iv) Make available its expertise to existing institution

and agencies. The NTS will not hold, on its own, any admission test which will confer a claim on any one for admission to any institution, or recruitment to any post.

(v) Function as a well equipped resource centre at the national level in test development, test administration, test scoring and interpretation, application of computer systems and optical mark readers, etc., and to offer upon requests, consultancy and advice to the various examining bodies.

Ms. Benazir Bhutto's offer for Mediation between India and Nepal

1933. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Ms. Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan as Chairperson of the SAARC has offered to mediate between India and Nepal to help in improving the relations and understanding between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Under the SAARC Charter *inter se* bilateral issues of the member countries cannot be discussed within the SAARC forum.

Assistance for basic development of various faculties in colleges under the Kurukshetra University

1934. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kurukshetra University has recommended to the University Grants Commission in March, 1989, the proposal for providing basic development assistance to Arts, Science and Commerce faculties in colleges under it during the 7th Plan period ;

(b) if so, what are the details of proposals in respect of each college recommended by the University to U.G.C. ; and

(c) what is the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Kurukshetra University has recommended to the U.G.C. proposals from three colleges for providing basic assistance and assistance for development of undergraduate education during the 7th Plan period as per details indicated in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 93]

Construction of indoor stadiums in colleges under the Kurukshetra University

1935. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kurukshetra University has recommended to the University Grants Commission in January, 1988, the proposals for the construction of indoor stadiums in the colleges under that University ;